

# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

#### BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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#### BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of October 15, 2014

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Election Commission office at 51 Inman Street. Present were Commissioner Ethridge King, Commissioner Polyxane Cobb, Commissioner Peter Sheinfeld, Executive Director Tanya Ford and Assistant Director Lesley Waxman.

The regular meeting was suspended to conduct the Voter Registration Challenge Hearing, related to the voter registration of Marilyn Kennedy Monroe I.

Voter Registration Challenge Hearing opened at 5:40 p.m.

The Board of Election Commissioners filed a voter registration challenge declaring that they have reason to believe that Marilyn Monroe Kennedy I has provided a false name, date of birth and identification number on her affidavit of registration, and is, therefore, ineligible to be carried on the Voting List of the City of Cambridge.

Notice was sent to Marilyn Kennedy Monroe I, at 240 Albany Street, Cambridge, MA 02139, apprising the registrant of the date, time and location of the Hearing.

The registrant did not attend the Hearing.

The Vice Chair, Commissioner Cobb, swore in the Executive Director, Tanya Ford.

The Executive Director gave testimony in support of the complaint filed by the Board.

Ms. Ford provided the Board with Exhibit #1, voter registration affidavits filed 2012 (change name & party change), 2013(party change) & 2014 (change of name, DOB & identification#-last four digits of social security #)

2012 – 2014 Name and same address was provided by registrant, Maril on each affidavit

Exhibit #2, summons and compliant from the Board of Election Commissioners addressed to Ms. Monroe attempted service by constable and also mailed.

Motion: Remove Marilyn Monroe Kennedy I from the Cambridge voting list.

Moved:

Commissioner Cobb

Second

Commissioner Sheinfeld

Passed

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The Vice Chair made a motion based on the testimony that was given.

Motion:

Marilyn Kennedy Monroe I, has not demonstrated that she is

qualified to be a registered voter in Cambridge therefore should be

removed from the City of Cambridge voting list.

Move:

Commissioner Cobb

Second:

Commissioner Sheinfeld

Passed:

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The Voter Registration Challenge Hearing was closed at 5:45 p.m.

## The Regular Meeting resumed

The Minutes of October 1, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted with corrections

**Motion:** 

To approve the Minutes of October 1, 2014

Moved:

Commissioner King

Second:

Commissioner Sheinfeld

Passed:

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## **Executive Director's Report [see attached]:**

The Election Office will remain open until 5pm on October 31, for absentee voting

The Executive Director reported that the Wardens and Clerks that attended the two training sessions were given an unannounced written assessment in the beginning. These assessments were graded while the trainings were being conducted, and those receiving high scores were named and congratulated at the end of training. All election workers were instructed to review the Election Worker Manual especially sections on tallying and Clerk Sheet completion. The assessment results revealed areas of concern, namely the Tally & Clerk Sheets. They were informed that they would receive their marked assessments and the answer key via mail to review before Election Day. In addition, they were told to contact the Election Commission office if anyone felt they needed a tutorial.

## Assistant Director's Report [See attached]:

The Assistant Director reported that Mr. Mahmood Firouzbakht filed his SFI on 10/2/2014

The Assistant Director collaborated with Commissioner Cobb to create a check list for "Opening." and "Closing" procedures to be completed by the Warden or Clerk on Election Day. This checklist will assist workers in remembering to complete all that needs to be done at Opening & Closing.

Motion:

Accept the Assistant Director's draft of the "Opening" and "Close" checklist

Moved:

Commissioner Cobb

Second:

Commissioner King

Passed:

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The Assistant Director reported to the Board the summary results of the Warden/Clerk assessments. (See attached)

#### **Public Comment:**

Ethan Cobb was in attendance

## **Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Cobb reported that she created the first draft of the "Opening" and "Closing" procedures checklist

Commissioner Cobb reported that she conducted Warden/Clerk training on Saturday, October 11.

Commissioner Sheinfeld reported that he conducted Inspector trainings on Saturday, October 11 and Tuesday, October 14.

## **Action Agenda:**

No items

#### **New Business:**

There was no new business.

Adjourn

**Motion:** 

To adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Commissioner Cobb Commissioner Sheinfeld

Moved:

Seconded:

Passed:

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A True Record

Attested by:

Ethridge A. King